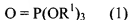


**Amendments to and Listing of the Claims**

Please amend claims 1, 4, and 5, and cancel claims 2 and 3 so that the claims read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A lubricating oil composition for an internal combustion engine, comprising a lubricating base oil; (A) a triphosphate represented by formula (1) below in an amount of 0.01 to 0.2 percent by mass in terms of phosphorus; (B) a succinimide and/or derivative thereof in an amount of 0.01 to 0.3 percent by mass in terms of nitrogen; (C) an alkali metal or alkaline earth metal salicylate detergent in an amount of 0.05 to 1 percent by mass in terms of metal and having a metal ratio represented by “valence of metal element x metal element content (mol) / soap group content (mol)” of 3 or less; and (D) a phenol-based and/or amine-based anti-oxidant in an amount of 0.01 to 3 percent by mass:



wherein the groups of  $R^1$  are each independently a hydrocarbon group having 1 to 30 carbon atoms and are the same or different from each other; and wherein the composition contains no zinc dialkyldithiophosphates.

2. (canceled)

3. (canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) The lubricating oil composition for an internal combustion engine according to claim [[2]] 1 wherein said alkali metal or alkaline earth metal salicylate detergent is a mixture of an alkali metal or alkaline earth metal salicylate detergent having a metal ratio represented by “valence of metal element x metal element content (mol) / soap group content (mol)” of 1.5 or less and an alkali metal or alkaline earth metal salicylate detergent having a metal ratio of more than 1.5.

5. (Currently Amended) The lubricating oil composition for an internal combustion engine according to claim [[2]] 1 wherein said alkali metal or alkaline earth metal salicylate detergent is a mixture of an alkali metal or alkaline earth metal salicylate detergent having a metal ratio represented by “valence of metal element x metal element content (mol) / soap group content (mol)” of 1.5 or less and an alkali metal or alkaline earth metal sulfonate detergent.

6. (canceled)

7. (Previously Presented) The lubricating oil composition for an internal combustion engine according to claim 1 which contains a lubricating base oil having an aromatic content of 3 percent by mass or less and a sulfur content of 50 ppm by mass or less.

8. (Previously Presented) The lubricating oil composition for an internal combustion engine according to claim 1 which is used in an internal combustion engine using a fuel having a sulfur content of 50 ppm by mass or less.

9. (Previously Presented) The lubricating oil composition for an internal combustion engine according to claim 1 which is used in gas engines.